

UNFPA ON THE FRONT LINES OF A CHANGING CLIMATE

A changing climate exacerbates the crises that women and girls already face. Heat, drought, flooding, and displacement cut off clinics and contraceptive supplies, make pregnancies more dangerous, and drive up rates of violence against women and child marriage. Women and girls in the countries that have done the least to cause climate change often carry the heaviest burden.

How UNFPA is preparing for the climate crisis:

- **Respond**: When floods, storms, and droughts strike, UNFPA delivers Dignity Kits, deploys midwives and mobile health units, and opens safe spaces for survivors. The same readiness works for any emergency. This year it helped women and girls in Venezuela and Colombia reach contraceptives, obstetric care, and sexual violence services just hours after the earthquakes.
- **Prepare**: UNFPA prepositions supplies, trains local health workers, and strengthens clinics so care holds when the next crisis hits. In Nepal, Dignity Kits prepared before flood season were ready to reach women and girls in shelters when the Trishuli floods came.
- **Shape policy:** UNFPA works with governments to include women's health in national climate plans. Its submission to the U.N. climate negotiations calls for climate financing that reaches women and girls.

As climate change intensifies, UNFPA will keep putting women's health and rights first, so care holds and communities can withstand what comes next.

WHERE YOU HAVE MADE AN IMPACT

This year reminded us how quickly a disaster can upend the lives of women and girls, and how much it matters to be ready before the next one strikes. From flash floods in Nepal to earthquakes in Venezuela, UNFPA was on the ground within days, keeping safe births, contraceptives, menstrual products, and safe spaces within reach when health systems were stretched thin.

Your generosity made that response possible. Last year in Afghanistan, UNFPA moved within hours of twin earthquakes, and its response reached more than 140,000 people with maternal health services and psychological support. Your giving is part of what lets UNFPA move as fast as we need.

As floods, storms, and droughts grow more frequent and severe, readiness matters more each year. Because of you, women and girls across the world can protect their health, claim their rights, and lead their communities toward a more resilient future. Thank you for standing with them when it matters most.

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NATURAL DISASTERS THAT SHAPED 2026



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Nautral disasters can upend lives in minutes, often with little or no warning. In a warming world, readiness matters more each year. Your partnership makes sure UNFPA can protect women and girls when crisis hits.



Flash floods tore through the Bhote Koshi and Trishuli river valleys in **Nepal** on August 26. Working with partners, UNFPA mobilized Dignity Kits and mobile health units reaching displaced women and girls in shelters.



Following two earthquakes on June 24, **Venezuela** remains a humanitarian emergency. UNFPA continues to help women and girls access contraceptives, obstetric care, menstrual products, and sexual violence support.

SUPPLIES IN NEPAL REACH WOMEN AND GIRLS AFTER FLASH FLOODS

Samikshya's family had just 15 minutes to escape. She and her family helped her grandmother climb to higher ground, leaving behind their belongings and the dairy business they had spent years building. When they crested the hill and turned around minutes later, their home was gone.

Neighbors had always turned to Samikshya's family when they needed something. Now, Samikshya shares one small public toilet with dozens of people and was told no when asked for menstrual products or a change of clothes.



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"Yesterday we ran a business and were in a position to help others in our community," she said. ***"Today I ask for help with personal needs and often get nothing back, and that is painful. Managing hygiene where dozens of people share one toilet is hard."***

The needs far outpace the response so far, but UNFPA is working urgently to close the gap. Alongside local government and partners, UNFPA is bringing Dignity Kits with soap, menstrual products and underwear into the shelters, so young women like Samikshya have the basics they have been going without. Your gifts put these kits in women's hands when they need them most. Each distribution is also a chance to let them know where counseling and support are available.

The coming months will be hard, Samikshya says, but her family still relies on itself. ***"We built our lives once. We know we can build them again."***

CARE REACHES MOTHERS IN VENEZUELA AS WOMEN LEAD RECOVERY

Darya was inside a 12-story building in La Guaira when two earthquakes of magnitude 7.2 and 7.5 struck central-northern Venezuela on June 24. Her partner, **Roberto**, had just come home but had not yet reached the apartment. Darya fell from the sixth floor and lay pinned from the waist down beneath the rubble. Roberto recalls, ***"The neighbors immediately began helping to get her out. It took us about two hours to free her."***

With their home gone, Darya and Roberto moved into a temporary shelter at the José María Vargas sports complex alongside more than 1,000 other displaced people. Across the country, more than 20,000 people have crowded into approximately 100 shelters, where family separation, limited services, and rising distress are heightening the risks women and girls face.

At a UNFPA clinic inside the shelter, Darya received medical care. On July 2, her exams revealed she was pregnant and the baby was healthy, despite her injuries. Darya now receives regular prenatal care at the clinic.

In the shelters, women are also leading the recovery. **Yoseys** lost her home and now lives in a tent shared by 12 families, where she serves as the designated representative. She described her group as "one family," with the women spearheading efforts to enable people to get back on their feet. ***"We are always looking for ways to help and support one another,"*** she told UNFPA. Through UNFPA information sessions, she now assists survivors of sexual violence in reaching treatment, counseling, and legal services.

Some mothers in the shelter have lost everything, Yoseys says, but they are alive. ***"So many women keep moving forward despite the pain."*** Stories like Darya's and Yoseys's are possible because of Leadership donors like you. Your giving keeps lifesaving care within reach at the moments it matters most.


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> —Yoseys, 40 (Venezuela)


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TOGETHER, WE CAN KEEP CARE WITHIN REACH WHEN THE NEXT CRISIS COMES.



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Floods, earthquakes, and extreme heat are driving families from their homes; women and girls bear much of the risk. In a crisis, the care they rely on is often the first to disappear. UNFPA works to ensure that care is within reach before, during, and after disaster, so women and girls have the time and space to recover and rebuild.

"This is work that people across the world depend on, and as others pull back, it becomes increasingly important for individuals to do what they can." —Jacob Onufrychuk, USA for UNFPA board member and donor

You are already making this possible. Every donor's giving looks different, and we would welcome the chance to hear what matters most to you.

WAYS TO PUT YOUR GIVING TO WORK

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